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1. TADASHI YAMAMOTO OF JAPAN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (JCIE) HAS INFORMED US THAT CENTER'S PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION (REF-TEL) WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 22-24. YAMAMOTO HAS ASKED FOR DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SECURING APPOINTMENTS WITH NSC STAFF MEMBERS. HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED COURTESY CALL ON BRZEZINSKI FOR GROUP, NOTING THAT IT WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE IN ASSURING CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM BOTH POLITICIANS AND FINANCIAL SOURCES FOR HIS PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE PROGRAM. WE HAVE INFORMED YAMAMOTO OF DEPARTMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST PER REF A.

2. FOLLOWING BIO DATA ON MEMBERS OF GROUP:

--KOICHI KATO, LDP. BORN 1939. FORMER OFFICIAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. STATIONED IN TAIPEI FOR TWO YEARS. RECEIVED MA FROM HARVARD FOR CHINESE STUDIES. STATIONED IN HONG KONG AS VICE CONSUL FOR TWO YEARS AND AFTER RETURN TO TOKYO ASSIGNED TO CHINA SECTION. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE FROM YAMAGATA THREE TIMES. MEMBER OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COMMITTEE AND OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRICES; MEMBER OF TRILATERAL COMMISSION.

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--KOKI CHUMA, NEW LIBERAL CLUB. BORN 1936. NEWLY ELECTED LOWER HOUSE MEMBER FROM OSAKA. FORMERLY EMPLOYED IN SUMITOMO HEAVY INDUSTRIES. DURING THIS TIME ALSO WORKED AT ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY ON LOAN. AS MEMBER OF JAYCEES, ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN CITIZENS COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP BEFORE RUNNING FOR OFFICE. SON OF FORMER OSAKA MAYOR. MEMBER OF TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

--YOSHIRO HAYASHI, LDP. BORN 1925. SERVING THIRD TERM FROM YAMAGUCHI. FORMER OFFICIAL OF MITI, LAST POST WAS HEAD OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY SECTION; SERVED IN JAPANESE EMBASSY IN BELGIUM 1956-59. PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY IN 1975. MEMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT.

--TARO NAKAYAMA, LDP. BORN 1924. UPPER HOUSE MEMBER FROM OSAKA SERVING SECOND TERM. MEDICAL DOCTOR. SERVED IN OSAKA PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY FOUR TERMS. FORMER PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF LABOR. CHAIRMAN OF UPPER HOUSE CABINET COMMITTEE; CHAIRMAN LDP NATIONAL CAMPAIGN BUREAU.

--YOSHIMI NAKAGAWA, CGP. BORN 1944. FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY SUMITOMO TRADING COMPANY AND STATIONED IN SAN FRANCISCO. AFTER RESIGNATION, WORKED AS REPORTER FOR WORLD TRIBUNE. FIRST ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE IN 1969, LOST FOLLOWING ELECTION, BUT RE-ELECTED FROM TOKYO DECEMBER 1976. MEMBER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRICES.

--RO WATANABE, DSP. BORN 1925. AFTER GRADUATING FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY, STUDIED AT HARVARD FOR ONE YEAR. JOINED JSP AND SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUREAU. PARTICIPATED IN FORMATION OF DSP IN 1959. SINCE THEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PARTY AFFAIRS AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUREAU. ELECTED FROM SHIZUOKA DECEMBER 1976. FROM 1970 LECTURER TOKAI UNIVERSITY, BECAME PROFESSOR IN 1974. PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE STUDY OF NATIONALISM AND SOCIALISM TEXTBOOK. MEMBER LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

--KANJU SATO, JSP. BORN 1942. WORKED IN EDITORIAL OFFICE OF BUNGEI SHUNJU FOUR YEARS BEFORE ELECTION TO LOWER HOUSE FROM AICHI IN 1969 AS YOUNGEST MEMBER AT 27. NOW SERVING THIRD TERM. MEMBER OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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